



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 29, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“A bill has been introduced in the State Legislature to allow a person to register to vote for a primary election if he or she is 17 years old and will be 18 years old by the general election. Several other states already do this, including Ohio, Arizona, North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

“Article II, Section 2 of the California Constitution fixes the voting age for elections at 18, but Section 5 permits the California Legislature to set rules for *primaries*. Kentucky’s law allowing 17 year-olds to vote in primaries has been upheld as constitutional. Legislative counsel is opining on the constitutionality of this bill before it proceeds to a vote.

“Los Angeles County’s Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk estimates that this can easily be implemented without any additional resources. AB 1608 (Liu) will be next heard in the Assembly’s Elections, Redistricting and Constitutional Amendment Committee on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.”

Julio Giron addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of AB 1608 (Liu), legislation which would allow a person to register to vote for a primary election if he or she is 17 years old and will be 18 years old by the date of the general election; and

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2. Instructed the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to support AB 1608.

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